Academic/DP Lab Alliance

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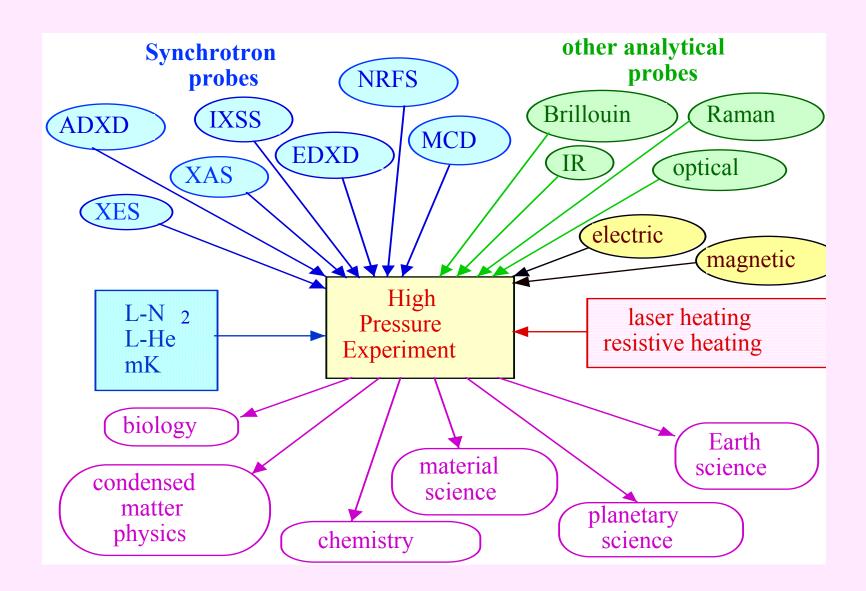
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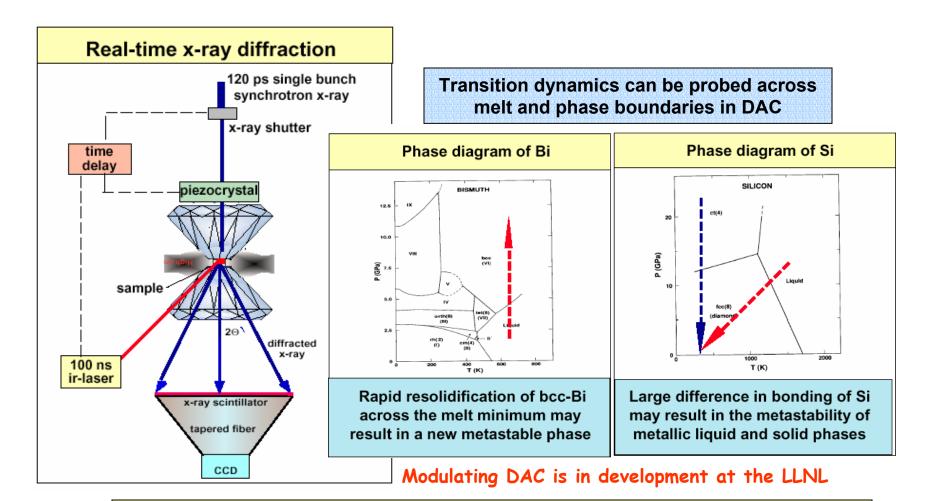
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- Academic/DP Lab synergy in high-pressure research
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Academic/DP Lab Synergy Examples: High-Pressure Research

- Development of high-pressure technology needs the broad expertise of academics and the focus of DP programs.
- Academics study the basics physics and deep Earth geophysics of transition elements under compression which are applicable to actinide programs at DP Lab.
- Academics study the novel high-pressure chemistry of simple molecular compounds which are relevant to high energitic materials for Stockpile Stewardship Program.
- Academics and DP Lab scientists pool their funds to build high-pressure synchrotron facilities at DOE-BES labs.





A fast time-resolved x-ray diffraction is a critical enabling technology for the NIF, gas-guns, JASPERS, Z-machine

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High-Pressure Behavior of Fe NEW FINDINGS, PREDICTIONS, SURPRISES

iron

• High *P-T* polymorphism

[Ma et al., to be published]

Strength/rheology/elasticity

[Singh *et al.* (1998); Merkel et al. to be published]

• Structural changes in liquid

[Sanloup et al. (2000)]

• Magnetic properties: superconductivity

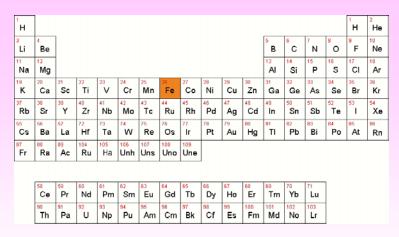
[Shimizu *et al.* (2001); Steinle-Neumann et al. (2002); Mazin and Singh (2002)]

Pressure-induced reactions

FeO, FeH, Fe(Xe)?, Fe(K)?

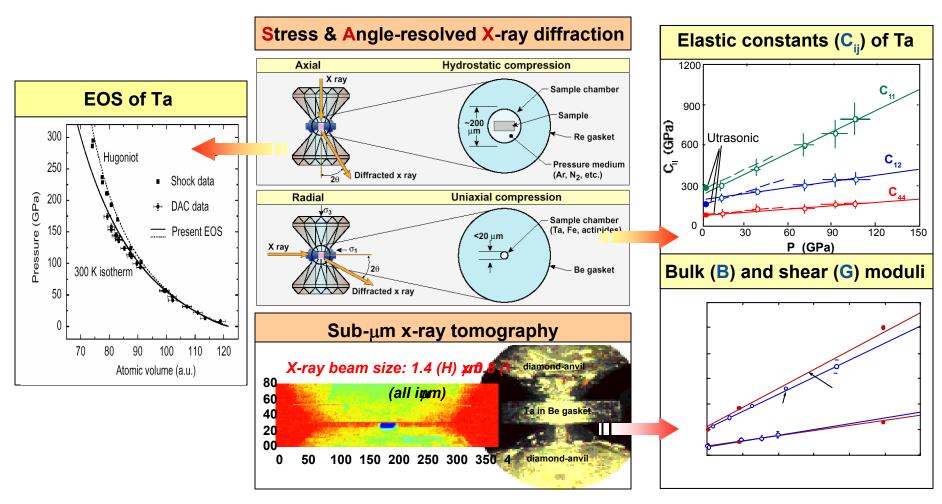
[s -> d transition in K]

[Parker et al. (1996); Caldwell et al. (1997)]



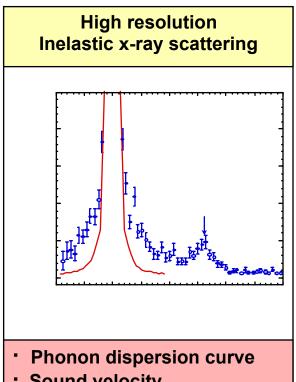


A sub- μ m high energy x-ray beam at the APS enables us to determine elastic properties of stockpile materials with high accuracy



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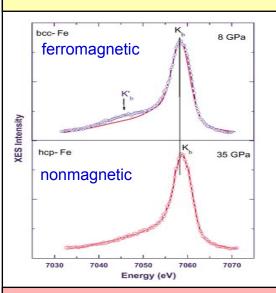
High resolution x-ray at the APS enables us to investigate phonons and electronic structures of f- and d-band transition metals



- Sound velocity
- Thermodynamic properties

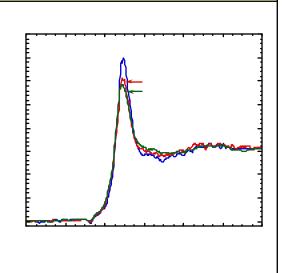
From the APS

Fine structure of K-edge X-ray emission



- Valence density of state
- **Electronic structure**
- Magnetism

Near and extended edge X-ray absorption



- **Conduction density of state**
- Local structure
- Volume collapse

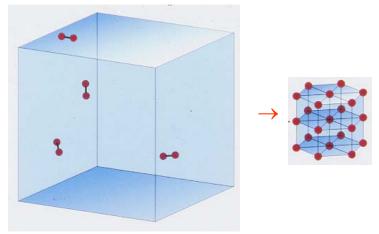
From the APS

From the NSLS

Volume collapse transitions occurring in many f-band metals, Pr and Pu alike, are electronic in nature, critical to understand the Stockpile performance

FUNDAMENTAL TRANSFORMATIONS

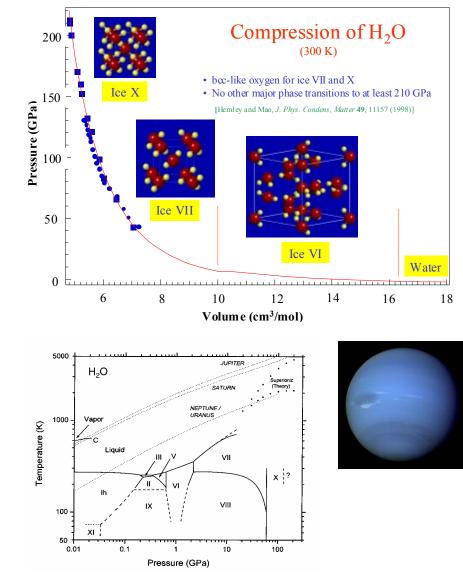
HYDROGEN



- Dissociation/metallization in solid?
- High-temperature superconductor?
- Liquid ground state?
- Transitions in dense fluid?

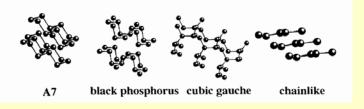


Structure/bonding/dynamics of hydrogen from neutron diffraction



- High-pressure structures (H positions)?
- Metastable transitions (amorphs, liquid)?

• Polymeric phases?

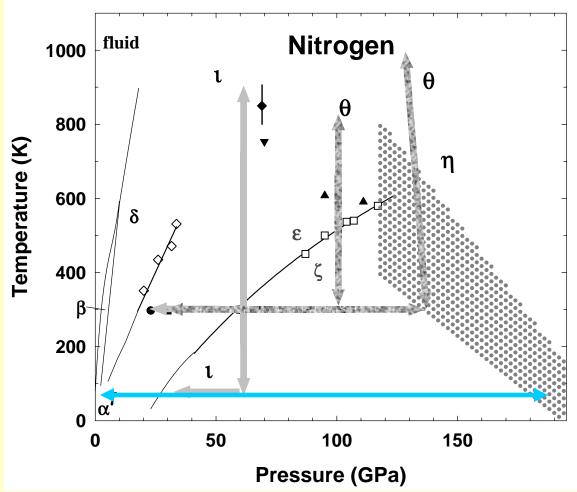


[McMahan and LeSar (1985), Martin & Needs (1986); Mailhiot et al. (1992)]

New molecular phases?

Polynitrogen: N_4 , N_{10} , $N_5^+ N_5^-$? (~1.9 g/cm³, 12 GPa for δ - N_2) [Fau et al., JPC **106**, 4639 (2002)]

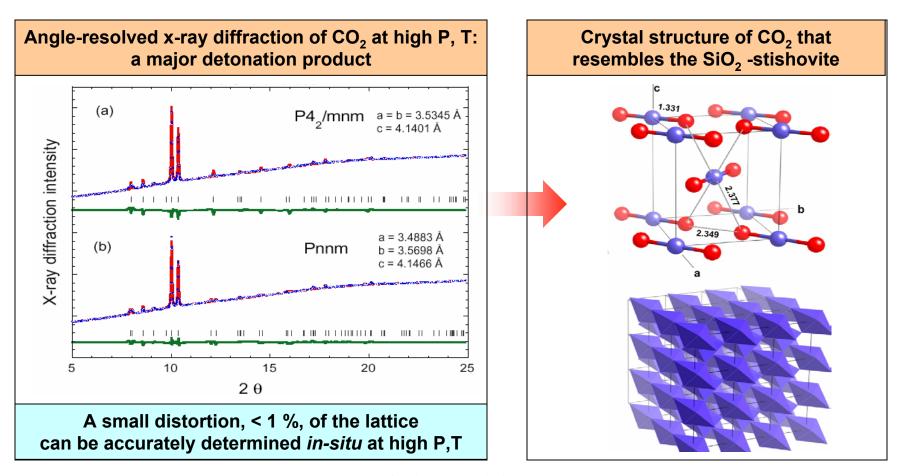
Quenchable/recoverable?



[Eremets et al., Nature 411, 170 (2001)]

[Gregoryanz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett, (2001)]

Highly intense high energy x-ray at the APS enables us to characterize crystal structures of low-Z HE and low-symmetry Pu



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Academic participation in technical review process of classified research

- Peer-reviewed publications in classified journals:
 - DP-Labs. Classified journals
 - Q-cleared experts from universities may participate in peer-reviews process
- External reviews:
 - DOE/NNSA Campaigns reviews
 - UC committee for national security
 - JASON review
- Internal reviews at all levels of laboratory:
 - Laboratory/Departmental/Division levels
 - Q-cleared external review committee

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Clearly define boundaries

Success Story

- --benefits researchers, students, and scientific programs of both sides
- Classified research: e.g., Pu-EOS above ambient pressure, U above 100 GPa
 - Rules and accountability
 - No university collaboration, but strong synergy
- Unclassified research: e.g., H_2 -EOS at any pressure
 - No rules are required
 - Mostly scientifically driven

Problems

- --when definitions are vague, collaboration withers
- Unclassified, sensitive research: *HE research, simulants, critical technologies, etc.*
 - Boundaries are ill defined
 - University collaborations are vulnerable and threatened by personal liability

Obstacles of classified research activities impact on collaborations

- Limited access to cutting-edge national facilities
 - Classification issues: Raw data vs. classified data
 - Publication issues
 - Materials issues: Safety of radioactive materials
- Hasting political remedies often limiting classified research practices
 - Security shut-downs
 - Polygraphs
- Excessive rules causing difficulties in recruitment and retention of the firstrate scientists and counter productive to
 - Computers
 - FN and FN from sensitive countries
 - Limited opportunities for career change of classified researcher
 - Stagnation of research activities

Expanding Successful Models of Academic/DP Interactions

- Direct collaborations with universities *via*
 - ASCI (theory)
 - SSAAP (experimental)
- Collaborations at large-scale national facilities
 - Synchrotron: HP-CAT/APS, CDAC, ALS, NSLS, SSRL, etc.
 - Neutron: LANSCE/LANL, SNS/ONL
 - Laser: NIF/LLNL, Omega/UR
- Exchange and training of future laboratory workforce
- Consultation by Q-cleared academic experts on critical subject areas